

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 1/21/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7 and 9-12.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 11, line 3 of the claim after "...gently pressure..." delete "the" insert - - a - -.

Claim 11, line 5 of the claim after "...manner to cause..." delete "a" insert- - the--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The specific limitations of "...a plurality of clips disposed on said cover, said clips retaining said upper eyelid and said lower eyelid on said cover..." in conjunction with the remaining structural features of the claim are not anticipated or made obvious over the prior art of record in the examiners opinion. For example, Ostrander '826 discloses an eye structure which teaches a cover (read onto cover formed by eye socket 41) having a front opening (opening 28) and a rear opening (col. 4, lines 5-8), a model eyeball (46) moveably contained within the cover (col. 3, lines 65+), the model eyeball having visual indicia of a human eyeball (cols. 3-4, lines 74-75 and line 1, respectively), an upper eyelid (36) attached to the front cover above the front opening (figures 1 and 3), a lower eyelid (40) attached to the cover below the front opening (figures 1 and 3), wherein the

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upper and lower eyelids are moveable between an open position and a closed position (figure 3 and 4 and col. 4, lines 1-5), and wherein the upper and lower eyelids in the open position define a visible surface of said eyeball (figure 1). Radow '719 discloses a eye model which teaches the use of clips (94) to attach various elements to the eye model. However, incorporating the clip structure of Radow in the eye structure of Ostrander would destroy not be feasible and destroy the function of Ostrander eye structure as intended. Furthermore, Radow by itself fails to meet all of the structural limitations of claim 1, including a cover and upper and lower eye lids and their respective functionality and there is no motivation nor teaching to modify the Radow structure to meet the above limitations. It should be noted that method claims 9-12 are depended from product claim 1 and refer to features of the product claim in the method steps (e.g. the model eyeball, the upper and lower eyelids, etc.) thus claims 9-12 positively claim all of the structural features of claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

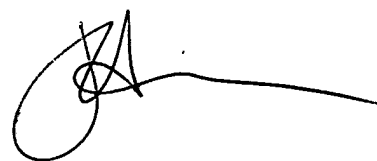
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dmitry Suhol whose telephone number is 571-272-4430. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Friday 9am-5:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jessica Harrison can be reached on 571-272-4449. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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